



Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership Meeting Minutes November 19, 2007

Summary

Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) Members in Attendance (15):

Dennis Burke, Chair (Governor's Office)
Jean Ajamie (Department of Education)
Tom Betlich (AHCCCS)
Eddy Broadway (Department of Health Services)
Audrey Burke on behalf of Dora Schriro (Department of Corrections)
Anthony Coulson (Drug Enforcement Administration)
Ken Deibert (Department of Economic Security-Division of Children, Youth and Families)
Dr. Kellie Warren on behalf of Mike Branham (Department of Juvenile Corrections)
Richard Fimbres (Governor's Office of Highway Safety)
Duce Minor (Parker Area Alliance for Community Empowerment, Inc. -PAACE)
Jeff Sanders (Community Member)
Mary Specio-Boyer (COPE Behavioral Health Services/Meth Free Alliance)
Kim O'Connor (Governor's Office/Division for Substance Abuse Policy)
Karen Ziegler (Arizona Criminal Justice Commission)
Jane Irvine (Attorney General's Office)
Angie Rodgers on behalf of Irene Jacobs (Human Services Policy Advisor)

Ex-Officio Members:

Marnie Hodahkwen (Governor's Office)

Committee Chairs:

Richard Porter (Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group)
Lisa Shumaker (Underage Drinking Committee)
Dr. Maria Carmen Gonzalez (Co-Occurring Policy Advisory Team)

Governor's Office Staff:

Carisa Dwyer (ASAP Staff)
Jeanne Blackburn (Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group Staff)
Holly Orozco (Underage Drinking Committee Staff)
Keri Raichert (Parents Commission Staff)
Tonya Brown (Methamphetamine Task Force Staff)
David Barnhouse (Governor's Office for Children, Youth & Families)
Janet Garcia (Division for Children)
Kim Hohman (Governor's Office for Children, Youth & Families)
Christopher Bodington (Division for Community & Youth Development)

Public:

Vicki Staples (ASU-CABHP)
Duane Huffman (OSPB)



Lisa Teyechea (Pima Prevention Partnership)
Jim Copple (Strategic Applications International)
Rob Evans (Concerned Citizen)

Call to Order

Mr. Dennis Burke called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Burke welcomed members and paused for a moment, in honor of Lorraine Lee and all of her contributions. Mr. Burke noted the recent kickoff of the Draw the Line underage drinking campaign. Members were thanked for their attendance and continued support. Additionally, Mr. Burke provided a brief summary of the previous ASAP meeting, confirming that ASAP will now act as a "clearinghouse" for legislative and budgetary proposals related to substance use prevention, treatment and enforcement.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Burke called for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Richard Fimbres moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Duce Minor. Motion carried with no objections.

Review of the Agenda

Mr. Burke briefly explained that Jim Copple will walk us through a discussion regarding strategic focus areas for the coming year.

Summary of Policy/Budget Review Process

***Expected Outcomes**

***Timeline and Process for FY'10**

Mr. Burke reviewed the discussions surrounding the legislative and budgetary proposals from the previous meeting. He provided a summary of the policy and budget review process. Agencies will prepare a budget and forward requests to ASAP by March or April. ASAP will then have the opportunity to make adjustments to the proposals before they are forwarded to the Policy Advisors. Mr. Burke mentioned that ASAP and Government Information Technology Agency (GITA) will function in a similar manner.

Mr. Tom Betlich suggested that August or September may be a better time for agencies to submit proposals. Ms. Angie Rodgers supported the process and suggested that discussions could take place in March and April, influencing the proposals that are submitted in August and September.

Ms. Audrey Burke asked whether or not the process would influence legislation. Mr. Burke confirmed that ASAP will review budgetary and legislative items related to substance use, before the proposals are submitted to the Governor. Mr. Jim Copple stated that the timeline for submitting proposals to ASAP may be adjusted and that a written guide and format, along with appropriate timelines will be forwarded to the group prior to the next meeting.



Strategic Focus Areas for 2008

Mr. Copple communicated that the group will work to identify substance abuse related strategic focus areas. He introduced the child welfare system as an example of a strategic focus area.

Ms. Rodgers led the discussion on the child welfare system as it relates to addressing substance abuse issues. Ms. Rodgers indicated that more than three quarters of CPS involved families have issues with substance abuse. She proceeded to identify barriers and stresses regarding substance abuse treatment services within the child welfare system. Funding, availability of residential treatment services for families, multiple system involvement, sufficient staffing, and access to appropriate treatment services, especially for youth, are among some of the system's challenges. Maximizing eligibility, increasing capacity among providers, maximizing Title XIX dollars, increasing availability of services, improving data collection, and increasing accessibility to treatment services were all identified as methods to improve the child welfare system as it relates to substance abuse.

Agencies were encouraged to comment and ask questions as a way to mobilize resources and identify tools to improve the child welfare system. Eddy Broadway inquired as to what type of service providers treat family units. Responses were offered including a few examples of treatment facilities in Tucson, Phoenix and Prescott that allow both parent and child.

Mr. Burke asked how many CPS involved families, struggling with a substance abuse issue also had overlap with the criminal justice system. According to the limited data that is available, Ms. Rodgers indicated that approximately 650 youth are dually involved with law enforcement and dependency.

Mr. Anthony Coulson asked whether or not DES would prefer that law enforcement contact CPS when there are substance abuse involved arrests and there are children in the home. Ms. Rodgers responded by stating that from a data perspective the contact would be helpful; however that there is insufficient staff to respond to the phone calls. Ms. Rodgers indicated that 70,000 reports are made to the hotline annually and that 10,000 children are currently in out-of-home care.

The concern of ensuring that all children of incarcerated parents with substance abuse issues are able to receive wraparound services was introduced. The possibility of creating a mechanism to share information between DES and law enforcement was brought up as a way to address this issue.

Dr. Kellie Warren called attention to the importance of standardizing the definitions of substance use, abuse, and dependence across agencies.

As Ms. Rodgers stated that not all "substance using families" are referred to CPS, Vim Collins questioned the point in which it is determined that substance abuse is impacting parenting. Mr. Collins noted that it would be helpful to have clarification as to when intervention is needed. Mr. Ken Deibert relayed the importance of exploring preventative



aspects, along with the capacity to treat the family disease. Key steps to improving child welfare were identified as clarifying the definition of safety between courts and treatment providers, coordinating services for families involved in multiple systems, maximizing the capacity of Title XIX dollars, conducting a gap analysis, increasing the capacity for out-of-home placements, and increasing the availability of workers.

Dr. Kellie Warren discussed the importance of addressing co-occurring disorders. Audrey Burke added by highlighting the importance of ensuring that co-occurring disorders are part of the treatment focus.

Mr. Coulson mentioned the importance of clarifying terminology among agencies. He noted that increased reporting would lead to the increased number of families in need of services.

Jane Irvine mentioned that it would be beneficial to have clear joint-investigative protocols. Additionally, it was noted that there are problems associated with the lack of cross-training between law enforcement and DES. Mr. Deibert remarked that law enforcement and DES continue to improve in the area of identifying when a joint investigation is necessary.

ASAP members were encouraged to individually identify strategic focus areas for the next year. The following were recommended as strategic focus areas for 2008:

- Treatment capacity and accessibility
- Collaboration with and between agencies
- Data collection, especially in relation to the Arizona Youth Survey
- Joint ventures between law enforcement and child welfare, with a focus on treatment
- Training and cross-training
- Standardizing definitions (as a way to more accurately identify clients with treatment needs)
- Cultural issues
- Family reunification
- Prescription drug abuse
- Federal grant opportunities
- Review of evidence-based treatment models and adapting new models
- Prevention

Future Meeting Schedule and Activities

The decision was made to meet sooner than the next scheduled meeting in February. The next meeting will be held on January 22, 2008. All meetings will take place in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Executive Tower: 1700 W. Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85007 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Announcements

Ms. Rodgers noted that there may be upcoming legislative proposals related to pregnant women that abuse substances.



Call to the Public

Mr. Burke made a call to the public. Mr. Rob Evans noted that DBHS also works as an avenue for children entering into the system, similar to DES/CPS.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned.

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